

Local Resources:

1. **CA Autism Professional Training and Information Network (CAPTAIN)**
<https://www.captain.ca.gov/about.html>

CAPTAIN was developed for individuals connected to Autism Spectrum Disorder to support them with the use of evidence based practices. It is a multi agency network across California.

1. **Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center**

<https://sloautism.org/>

The Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center strengthens the quality of life for individuals on the spectrum by bringing together individuals, families and professionals to support them.

1. **California Autism Foundation**

<https://www.calautism.org/>

California Autism Foundation advocates for individuals with Autism with life long support. They provide educational and social programs to promote self confidence, empowerment and participation.

National Resources:

1. **Autism Speaks**

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/>

Autism Speaks was founded in 2005 by grandparents of a child with autism. A donation of 25 million dollars helped launch the organization financially. It continues to advocate for inclusion, enhances services and resources to support the autism community, nationwide. Autism Speaks has since merged with three leading autism organizations: Autism Coalition for Research and Education (ACRE), the National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR) and Cure Autism Now (CAN).

1. **CDC Autism Network**

<https://www.cdc.gov/autism/communication-resources/index.html>

It provides autism spectrum disorder awareness by promoting inclusion and connection. They offer free resources and materials with research based evidence.

1. **The Autism Society of America**

<https://autismsociety.org/>

The Autism Society helps support individuals and connect people to a vast variety of resources to support them in every aspect of their life! .